

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 512

February 5, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a person convicted of attempted first degree murder in outlined circumstances to be sentenced to imprisonment for life without possibility of parole. Specifies there is no release eligibility for a defendant receiving a sentence of life without possibility of parole for attempted first degree murder.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation specifies a person convicted of attempted first degree murder may be sentenced to imprisonment for life without possibility of parole if the court finds the person committed the offense against any:
 - Law enforcement officer;
 - Correctional officer;
 - Department of Correction (DOC) employee;
 - Probation and parole officer;
 - Emergency medical or rescue worker;
 - Emergency medical technician;
 - Paramedic; or
 - Firefighter
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-11-117(a)(2), attempted first degree murder is a Class A felony offense.
- Based on information provided by the DOC, the average time served over the past five years for attempted first degree murder was 10.55 years.
- The proposed legislation applies to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2021.
- Authorizing individuals convicted of attempted first degree murder in the outlined circumstances to be sentenced to imprisonment for life without possibility of parole may lead to additional incarceration costs sometime after July 1, 2031; however, the number of such additional convictions as a result of this legislation is estimated to be not significant, and thus, the fiscal impact from enhancing the penalty for such crimes is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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